

THE LATE MR. REED'S LIFE IN WASHINGTON

Ideal Dinner Guest Whom
Hosts Appreciated.

In an article in the "Boston Transcript" entitled "The Mr. Reed I Knew," Miss Grace Hodson Boutelle, daughter of the late Congressman Charles A. Boutelle of the Fourth district of Maine, says:

"There was much that he heartily liked in the social life of Washington. An ideal dinner guest himself, he was especially quick to appreciate brilliancy of thought and expression in others. And probably in no other community in the country would he have found so large a circle in which conversation was not a lost art.

Forced Smiles Ceased.

"While he was Speaker of the House he made it a point on Mrs. Reed's reception days to come home in time to meet a few fortunate individuals who had remained in anticipation of the half-hour he was to spend with them, and, although our faces might be aching with the continued wearing of 'galvanic smiles,' and our spirits weary with the effort to give impressiveness to meaningless phrases of interrogation and interjection, promptly upon his appearance our smiles ceased to be forced, our

spirits revived, and conversation flourished—rapidly modulated from the minor of our mental exhaustion to the reviving major key of his whimsicality.

"In diplomatic circles and in circles where diplomacy is equally subtle though not professional, he was invariably a valued acquisition, and where the exercise of his purely intellectual powers would fall to awaken a response, his inexhaustible fund of wit and humor would be an unfailing open sesame. He was a master of words, and delighted in their color and values, and no one ever had a surer instinct for their effective grouping. It would be but a repetition to give instances of his singularly vivid expression of his ideas, for every bonnet of his had no sooner passed his lips than it was eagerly seized upon and passed from person to person until it became public property.

A Powerful Advocate.

"He was, however, perfectly free from impulsiveness, and the absolute subordination of feeling to the judicial faculty which he exhibited in all his public service was temperamental, being equally apparent in his unofficial life. But when both sympathy and reason were at one, he was the most powerful of advocates. I remember how he came to the defense of a young friend of my father. Weighing the question with his usual critical keenness, he became convinced of the injustice that was being done, and voluntarily entering the lists, shoulder to shoulder with my father he fought in the lad's defense, day after day and week after week, against a formidable combination. It is almost needless to say that

the result of their championship was a complete vindication.

"When he was on the floor of the House the rumored prospect of a speech by Mr. Reed would always crowd the galleries and bring all the members in from the committee rooms. I can remember arriving at the members' gallery a little after 9 o'clock and finding not only all the seats occupied, but all the steps as well, so that I could only squeeze in at the cost of some discomfort to my neighbors.

"The House assembled at 12, and the roll call never seemed so long drawn out. The spirit of expectancy was intense. Finally we saw a massive figure begin to rise and slowly reach its full height, and with a thrill we heard the Speaker say: 'The gentleman from Maine.' The members of the House drew nearer, and the gallery with one accord leaned forward. Even before he spoke, a quietly appreciative smile started somewhere, and was communicated from face to face, until it spread over the whole audience.

Held His Audience.

"As one would expect, he made no attempt at dramatic emphasis, either by voice or gesture. His voice was penetrating, although not resonant; neither was it sharp. It had a certain nasal quality that, combined with his drawing utterance, had a peculiar fascination, impossible to describe. He held his audience as long as it pleased him to do so, for every sentence so deliberately uttered was pregnant with significance. Every word told, and there was not a superfluous syllable. With almost no change of voice

or facial expression he would afford us the keenest mental enjoyment as he passed from delicate touches of irony to a withering sarcasm more effective than any possible form of direct denunciation, always coming home to a profound and concentrated earnestness so impressive that when he had ceased to speak we went away feeling satisfied that although there were to be more speeches, the last word had been said.

"Washington had a right to be proud of him, and will mourn him as her own, but deep and genuine as her sorrow is, Portland must grieve with a more intimate sense of loss, and I know there is not a heart throughout the length and breadth of our mother State that is not heavy with grief for this son of hers whose illustrious record is one of her greatest glories."

NEGRO ASSASSIN SAYS HE ACTED IN SELF-DEFENSE

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 15.—About 3 o'clock yesterday morning, Cassius O'Leary surrendered to the police, saying he had shot J. D. Minter in self-defense.

He laid in wait for Minter, and as the latter passed him, fired a load of buckshot into his body. He said Minter had threatened his life. Minter had once been a witness against him in a theft case.

A brother of Minter, J. O. Minter, started out last night armed with a gun and pistol, to find the man who had shot his brother. His pistol was accidentally discharged, and the bullet ranged down through his thigh to a point below the knee.

DISRAELI'S CANDID LETTERS TO HIS SISTER

English Lord Declares That He Would
Never Marry for Love.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The sale of a batch of letters of Disraeli (Lord Beaconsfield) to his sister, written before the days of his fame, brought to light some interesting passages in which "Dizzy," as he was always to his sister, was very candid. In describing a visit to Wyndham Lewis he writes:

"Bye the bye, would you like Lady Z. for a sister-in-law? She is very clever, has £200,000, and is domestic. 'As for love, all my friends who married for love or beauty either beat their wives or live apart from them. This is literally the case.

"I may commit many follies in life, but I never intend to marry for love, which, I am sure, is a guarantee of infelicity."

Within four years Disraeli married Wyndham Lewis' prosperous widow. In a letter written four years before he became a member of Parliament Disraeli thus describes a debate in the House of Commons:

"It was one of the finest we have had in years. Bulwer spoke, but is physically disqualified, and in spite of all his exertions can never succeed.

"I heard Macaulay's best speeches, and Shell and Charles Grant. Macaulay was about 2 o'clock yesterday morning and killed him after a quarrel over a crap game. Steagall had many wounds, one of them a shot through the heart. His assailants were arrested.

COLD WEATHER PERMITS PITTSBURG TO GET IN COAL

Receding River Allows Landing of Fuel
From Barges in Harbor.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—Cold weather brought a stop to the rise in the rivers following the disagreeable, rainy weather of the past few days, Pittsburgh experiences a spell of freezing temperature. As a result the river in the rivers is receding, and the rivermen now have a chance to take out the immense quantity of coal that is in the harbor.

A million bushels of coal left Pittsburgh for the South on Saturday; 10,000,000 bushels more were sent yesterday. The high water worked considerable damage in McKeesport.

At the Dewees Wood plant of the American Sheet Steel Company, three mills were flooded and work was suspended. Considerable damage was done to the machinery. The refinery and large mills of the National Rolling Mills suspended also.

With the track under two feet of water, the Pittsburgh, McKeesport, and Connellsville Traction Company suspended car service on the Youghiogheny River.

NEGRO KILLED BY GAMBLERS.

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 15.—A party of four negro gamblers attacked a well-known negro character, Bob Steagall, about 2 o'clock yesterday morning and killed him after a quarrel over a crap game. Steagall had many wounds, one of them a shot through the heart. His assailants were arrested.

MOTHER AND CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—In a tenement house fire at 124th Street and First Avenue early this morning a mother and her two children were burned to death. The husband was seriously injured in an attempt to save his family. Another child was badly burned, and a man was severely injured.

The dead are:
MRS. MARY BOND, 32 years.
RAYMOND BOND, 7 years.
ROSA BOND, 5 years.

PHILADELPHIAS TAKE SET FROM THE BOSTONS

The Philadelphia won three games from the Boston Saturday night in a Plate Printers' League set bowled on the Golden Eagles alleys. Neither team bowled up to the average, and the pinfall was light, the 800 mark being untouched.

Lawrence was high man, with an average of 163, with a total of 489, and Lord was two pins less. Herbert bowled 188 high single.

The scores:			
	1	2	Totals
Boston.....	155	154	309
Wheeler.....	130	150	280
Holmes.....	110	132	242
Bowman.....	113	172	285
Murphy.....	186	157	343
Lawrence.....	186	157	343
Totals..... 774 774 1,548			
Philadelphia.....			
	1	2	Totals
Kilpatrick.....	150	157	307
Logan.....	131	145	276
Pistel.....	158	190	348
Herbert.....	188	137	325
Lord.....	170	189	359
Totals..... 767 779 1,546			

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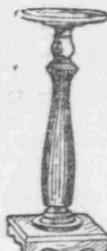


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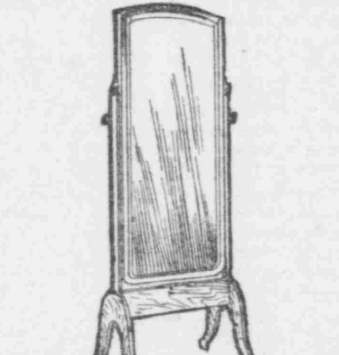
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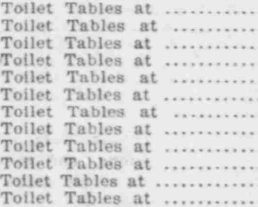


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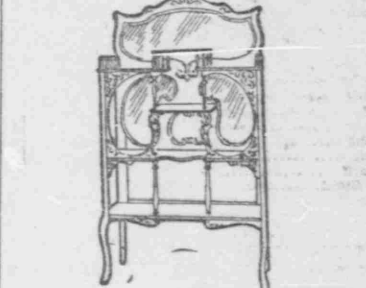


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